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FOR THE SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJ: STATEMENTS FOR SECRETARY'S USE IN TURKEY

REF: STATE 52760

1. FOLLOWING ARE SUGGESTED STATEMENTS FOR USE BY THE SECRETARY IN THE COURSE OF HIS VISIT TO ANKARA MARCH 10-11, INCLUDING (1) ARRIVAL STATEMENT, (2) DEPARTURE STATEMENT, (3) REMARKS FOR WORKING DINNER MARCH 10, (4) TOAST FOR LUNCH MARCH 11, AND (5) INSCRIPTION FOR BOOK AT ATATURK'S MAUSOLEUM.

2. ARRIVAL STATEMENT:

I AM EXTREMELY PLEASED THAT AN OPPORTUNITY EMERGED FOR ME TO VISIT TURKEY, WHICH FOR NEARLY THREE DECADES HAS BEEN A VALUED ALLY OF THE UNITED STATES, AND TO DISCUSS AT FIRST HAND A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT MATTERS WHICH CONCERN BOTH OUR GOVERNMENTS AT THIS TIME. I LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING WITH PRESIDENT KORUTURK AND PRIME MINISTER IRMAK, AS WELL AS WITH OTHER DISTINGUISHED LEADERS OF THE TURKISH NATION. AND I AM OF COURSE DELIGHTED TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET AGAIN WITH MY OLD FRIEND, FOREIGN MINISTER ESENBEL.

I ARRIVE IN THIS GREAT NATION WITH THE CONVICTION THAT THE
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ALLIANCE BETWEEN TURKEY AND THE UNITED STATES IS FOUNDED ON

STRONG MUTUAL INTERESTS WHICH HAVE BEEN TESTED BY THE DANGERS WE HAVE FACED TOGETHER AND THE PROBLEMS WHICH WE HAVE SOLVED TOGETHER. I AM CONFIDENT THAT WE CAN CONTINUE THIS CLOSE, COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP.

3. DEPARTURE STATEMENT:

THIS HAS BEEN MY FIRST VISIT TO TURKEY, AND IT HAS BEEN AN EXCEPTIONALLY VALUABLE VISIT.

I HAVE HAD A SERIES OF VERY INFORMATIVE TALKS WITH MY HOST AND FRIEND, FOREIGN MINISTER ESENBEL. I HAVE ALSO BEEN PRIVILEGED TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT KORUTURK, PRIME MINISTER IRMAK, GENERAL SANCAR, AND OTHER DISTINGUISHED LEADERS OF TURKEY. I AM MOST GRATEFUL FOR THE WARM HOSPITALITY THAT HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO ME.

WE HAVE REVIEWED A WIDE RANGE OF MATTERS OF MUTUAL IMPORTANCE. IT WAS ESPECIALLY USEFUL TO ME TO HAVE A FULL AND CAREFUL EXPLANATION OF TURKEY'S POSITION REGARDING THE CYPRUS PROBLEM AND HOW THE PARTIES TO THIS PROBLEM COULD BEST APPROACH A SETTLEMENT.

THE FOREIGN MINISTER HAS AGREED TO MEET WITH ME AGAIN IN THE NEAR FUTURE. I LOOK FORWARD TO THE CONTINUATION OF THESE DISCUSSIONS. THEY INVOLVE A SHARED EFFORT TO SOLVE PROBLEMS THAT AFFECT BOTH COUNTRIES -- THE VITAL PROCESS OF OUR ALLIANCE.

4. REMARKS FOR USE AT WORKING DINNER GIVEN BY FOREIGN MINISTER MARCH 10:

MR. FOREIGN MINISTER, DISTINGUISHED FRIENDS:
I WANT FIRST TO STRESS MY GRATITUDE FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO TALK OVER BOTH PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS. IT IS A PARTICULAR PLEASURE TO MEET ONCE MORE WITH YOU. MR. FOREIGN MINISTER. I AM ALSO VERY HAPPY TO BECOME ACQUAINTED -- AND IN SOME CASES RE-ACQUAINTED -- WITH SOME OF YOUR CO-WORKERS.

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SHOULD, I BELIEVE, BE CANDID. LET ME CANDIDLY ASSURE YOU, THEN, THAT I CARE VERY MUCH ABOUT KEEPING THE TURKISH-AMERICAN ALLIANCE STRONG. THE VALUE OF THIS ALLIANCE IS SUCH THAT I WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO PERSUADE CONGRESS TO CHANGE ITS DECISION ON MILITARY AID. AND I WILL HELP IN ANY WAY I CAN AS YOU AND THE OTHER PARTIES CONCERNED SEEK TO WORK TOWARD AN AGREED SETTLEMENT OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM.

I HAVE BEEN GRATIFIED, IN THE SHORT TIME I HAVE BEEN HERE, BY THE REASSURANCE THAT YOU SHARE THIS CONVICTION OF THE VALUE OF OUR ALLIANCE. YOU KNOW THAT YOU CAN COUNT ON MY SUPPORT; I KNOW THAT I CAN COUNT ON YOURS. ON THAT BASIS, I HAVE CONFIDENCE THAT WE CAN GO FORWARD TOGETHER.

5. TOAST FOR USE AT LUNCH GIVEN BY PRIME MINISTER
MARCH 11:

MR. PRIME MINISTER, DISTINGUISHED FRIENDS:
AS AN HISTORIAN, I WELL APPRECIATE TURKEY'S ROLE IN THE EVENTS OF NEARLY TEN PREVIOUS CENTURIES -- ALMOST A MILLENNIUM. I KNOW THE SIGNIFICANCE OF TURKEY'S REVOLUTION IN THIS CENTURY -- THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF YOUR REPUBLIC'S FOUNDER, MUSTAFA KEMAL ATATURK, WHICH HAVE BEEN A MODEL TO MANY OTHER COUNTRIES, AND WHICH ARE NOW UPHELD AND CARRIED FORWARD BY YOU HERE. I AM PARTICULARLY PROUD THAT DURING THE LAST 27 YEARS, THE HISTORY OF BOTH OUR COUNTRIES INCLUDES ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR WHICH WE HAVE WORKED CLOSELY TOGETHER.

IT IS MY CONVICTION THAT OUR CLOSE RELATIONSHIP, DESPITE PRESENT DIFFICULTIES, WILL CONTINUE TO BE STRENGTHENED. THE HIGH INTERESTS WE HOLD IN COMMON, THE MUTUAL BENEFITS OF OUR COOPERATION, THE MANY TIES OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR PEOPLES -- ALL THESE ARE TOO STRONG TO BE PERMANENTLY OVERCOME BY SHORTCOMINGS OR EMOTIONS ON EITHER SIDE. THEREFORE I LOOK FORWARD TO MANY MORE YEARS IN WHICH THE STRENGTHS OF BOTH OUR COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE TO BE APPLIED TO GREAT SHARED ENDEAVORS.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO ASK YOU NOW TO JOIN ME IN A TOAST TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY.
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6. INSCRIPTION TO BE WRITTEN IN BOOK AT ATATURK'S MAUSOLEUM DURING WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY:

WITH PROFOUND RESPECT FOR THE FOUNDER OF THE TURKISH REPUBLIC, MUSTAFA KEMAL ATATURK, AND WITH THE HOPE THAT ONE DAY ALL MANKIND WILL KNOW "PEACE IN THE HOMELAND, PEACE IN THE WORLD".
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